

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Moldova
<b>Program Title:</b>	Social Transition
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	117-0340
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$2,722,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$4,253,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$1,690,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** The portion of USAID/Moldova's Social Transition Program funded with Freedom Support Act resources includes three components: strengthening tuberculosis control, preventing transmission of infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B&C), and combating trafficking in persons (TIP).

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$500,000 FSA, \$655,000 FSA carryover, \$88,000 FSA prior year recoveries). Moldova is a major source country for women trafficked from the Western NIS. In August 2004, USAID began a four-year, \$4 million Moldova Anti-Trafficking Initiative program titled New Perspectives for Women (New Perspectives). New Perspectives will focus on prevention through public awareness and information campaigns, the identification and recognition of risk factors, and assistance to potential and actual victims of trafficking through legal consultations, crisis prevention services, psychological rehabilitation, training programs in job skills, and entrepreneurship. It will focus heavily on greater rural outreach and coordinate with ongoing USAID-funded activities for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), agribusiness development, primary health care centers and legal clinics. The activity will also establish linkages with the new citizen participation program. The objective of this project is to prevent trafficking in persons by offering economic solutions to an economic problem. The program will identify client needs and match them with existing training and services wherever possible. It will target primarily rural populations and youth, and cover different audiences including rural women, adolescent girls, university graduates who are seeking employment, or women developing entrepreneurial ideas. Principal contractor/grantee: Winrock International (prime).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,323,000 FSA, \$30,000 FSA carryover, \$1,200,000 FSA prior year recoveries). Ranking high on Moldova's list of most serious health problems is its very substantial rate of morbidity and mortality due to acute and chronic viral hepatitis and liver cirrhosis. During FY 2005 USAID will expand assistance for the prevention of both HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C. The prevalence of HIV is increasing rapidly among injecting drug users and sexually promiscuous populations, and threatens to pass on from high-risk groups into the general populations. During FY 2005, USAID will implement a new Combating HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C Initiative. The program will improve the health status of the Moldovan population through comprehensive and cost-effective preventive measures to retard the spread of blood-transmittable diseases, primarily HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). To achieve its goals, the activity will focus on providing management support to the Ministry of Health, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and health services providers to implement voluntary counseling and testing services that meet international standards, primarily for HIV/AIDS but also for viral hepatitis B and C. The technical assistance will focus on: behavior change communications (BCC) to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis B & C as well as to reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS; ensure safe blood transfusions; develop protocols for standardized hepatitis laboratory practices based on WHO guidelines; provide technical and direct assistance for the upgrading of a hepatitis reference laboratory to diagnose chronic cases of hepatitis, and serve as a quality monitoring/assurance mechanism; improve the capacity of the reference laboratory to perform epidemiological surveillance; develop guidelines and update safe medical practices to reduce cross-contamination with HIV and viral hepatitis in health care facilities. Principal contractor/grantee: to be determined (TBD).

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases and Injuries (\$899,000 FSA, \$1,392,000 FSA carryover, \$888,000 FSA prior year recoveries). Tuberculosis (TB) is a major public health danger in Moldova. The TB epidemic is being driven by declining social and economic conditions, growing unemployment and subsequent poverty, as well as by inefficient anti-TB practices. USAID will combat the tuberculosis epidemic in Moldova by enhancing the implementation of the cost-effective World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended Directly Observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) strategy for TB diagnosis, treatment, and care procedures. At the end of the project, the following results will be achieved: 1) improved laboratory capacity to diagnose infectious pulmonary tuberculosis, including the establishment of a National TB Laboratory Network; 2) strengthened institutional capacity of Moldova's primary health care system to initially detect TB infected individuals and provide post-hospitalization anti-tuberculosis treatment; 3) an established up-to-date TB surveillance system; 4) increased knowledge of TB signs, symptoms, referral, and treatment in the general population attained through public outreach campaigns; and 5) establishment of a facility to monitor multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB, and to provide DOTS Plus (+) treatment for TB patients with confirmed drug resistance. Principal contractor/grantee: American International Health Alliance (AIHA) (prime).

**FY 2006 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$1,051,000 FSA). The Moldova Anti-Trafficking program will continue to deliver prevention and assistance services through a network of established regional centers. The referral and linkages system will provide for an integrated approach involving not only USAID implementing partners, but also local authorities and institutions, and other international donors. Principal contractor/grantee: Winrock International.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$345,000 FSA). Activities to prevent HIV/AIDS in Moldova will continue to focus on the key project components for developing effective measures to stop the spread of blood and sexually transmittable diseases. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases and Injuries (\$294,000 FSA). USAID will continue its activities to prevent Hepatitis B & C by implementing the key project components, focusing on effective measures to stop the spread of blood and sexually transmittable diseases. Strengthening the Diagnosis and Treatment of TB in Moldova will continue to work on key project components, such as improved laboratory capacity; TB surveillance system; public outreach campaigns on TB; and the establishment of a facility to monitor MDR TB. Principal contractors/grantees: AIHA, TBD.

**Performance and Results:** During FY 2004, the CHAP completed its work to ensure the sustainability of humanitarian activities; develop and solidify community relationships; and build the local capacity of indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide social services. CHAP also focused on assisting people most affected by the economic transition. The combined assistance to these organizations served a total population of approximately 55,400 people throughout Moldova. Combating TB as a part of Moldova/Romania cross-border activity is continuing to improve the organization and management of TB laboratory services and drug management in the two countries.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

**Moldova**

117-0340 Social Transition	<b>CSH</b>	<b>FSA</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	21,240
Expenditures	0	18,513
Unliquidated	0	2,727
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,000	4,018
Expenditures	0	2,207
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,000	25,258
Expenditures	0	20,720
Unliquidated	2,000	4,538
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	4,253
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	2,722
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	6,975
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	1,690
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	2,000	33,923